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- 2. Amended Version of the Claims.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the amendment set forth below.

I. Amendment

A. In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

A. (Twice Amended) A method for using a computer system to arbitrate and

distribute, communication over the Internet, the method including the steps of:

connecting a plurality of participator computers with a controller computer